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Dear Bill:

I am glad that our Office of Scientific Intelligence was of noteworthy assistance to your Agency in connection with outer space matters, since we feel a continuing responsibility to support your important work.

There is no question in our minds as to the significance and potential of NORAD's space tracking capability to the intelligence community. The problem is one of selection. Much of NORAD reporting is directed toward the warning problem. Previously all of this product has gone to the Joint Chiefs -- and now to the Defense Intelligence Agency as a matter of tactical military interest. As your letter of 17 August 1962 to Mr. McCone was received, the CIA was in the process of identifying and requesting those NORAD reports which make a clear contribution to the national intelligence problem and this is now being acted on.

The Guided Missile & Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) of the U. S. Intelligence Board will be visiting NORAD in the near future to review further its intelligence potential. I hope to join that party to make sure, from the background of my own experience at NORAD, that all of the significant intelligence product is flowing into our community activities.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Marshall E. Carter

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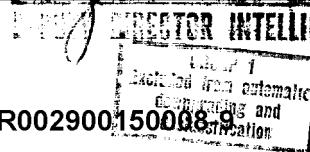
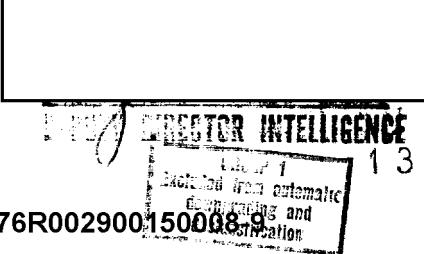
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Dear John:

I wish to express my appreciation for your prompt response to my request of August 10 for a briefing concerning outer space matters. The briefing, which was arranged by Mr. [] and presented by Mr. [] with the assistance of Dr. Wheelon, was exceedingly helpful both to myself and those of my staff who were present.

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During the course of our discussion, a question arose which is of potential concern to ACDA and which must be of present concern to CIA. My impression was that arrangements for making NORAD's capabilities available in support of your own efforts may not be entirely satisfactory. You may wish to look into this matter to determine whether my impression is correct. If so, it would seem important to try to improve the situation so that the relevant national capabilities can be brought to bear more effectively on the problem of detecting and assessing Soviet space activities.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bob McNamara since I am sure that he is not aware that there is any question as to the effectiveness of present arrangements.

Sincerely,

William C. Foster

Copy: Secretary of Defense.

The Honorable

John A. McCone,
The Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Carter
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